

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

In the specification at page 1, after the title and before line 3, please insert the following:

-- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national stage application (under 35 U.S.C. 371) of PCT/EP2004/002096 filed March 3, 2004 which claims benefit to European Patent application 03005181.7 filed March 7, 2003. --

In the specification at page 35, please replace lines 8-12, with the following amended lines:

Npt2\_for 5'-AGCAAGGTGAGATGACAGGAGATC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 25)

Npt2\_rev 5'CAGACAATCGGCTGCTCTGATG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 26)

AHAS1\_frw: 5'-AACAACAACATCTTCTTCGATC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 27)

AHAS1\_rev: 5'-TAACGAGATTTGTAGCTCCG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 28).

In the specification at page 36, please replace Table 1 under line 15, with the following amended Table 1:

StGH1 sense RNA	5'-TGAAGACAGCACAAAACCTGG-3' ( <u>SEQ ID NO: 29</u> )
StGH1 antisense RNA	5'-GTGAAAGTTTGAACGCACAC-3' ( <u>SEQ ID NO: 30</u> )
StGH2 sense RNA	5'-AGTGCCATAACATGCTTTCC -3' ( <u>SEQ ID NO: 31</u> )
StGH2 antisense RNA	5'-CACATTCAGCTGTTGATGGA-3' ( <u>SEQ ID NO: 32</u> )

In the specification at page 36, please replace Table 2 under line 23, with the following amended Table 2:

StGH1	
Forward Primer:	TCGAGTCGCCACGTAGAACTC ( <u>SEQ ID NO: 33</u> )
Reverse primer:	GAAATGCGTATGCGACTATGATG ( <u>SEQ ID NO: 34</u> )
TaqMan probe:	AGTCTCTCGGAGTTCC ( <u>SEQ ID NO: 35</u> )
StGH2	
Forward primer:	GGTGCTGATCCTCCAGTTCTCT ( <u>SEQ ID NO: 36</u> )

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Reverse primer: GTCCCTGAAGCATAACCAAGGT ( <u>SEQ ID NO: 37</u> ) TaqMan probe: TTCTGCACTACTTAGGCCT ( <u>SEQ ID NO: 38</u> )
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